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To *Hide & Seek* Contributors

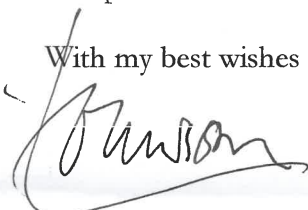
Dear Subscriber

Please forgive the format of this letter.

I have to let you know that, very sadly, Kenneth Thornton, the editor of *Hide and Seek*, died on Friday, 5th March 2021. His friend Ruth Harper writes to say that 'following his cancer diagnosis, he had made the decision not to have any treatment and had managed well, but was admitted to the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre on Wednesday 24th Feb. 2021 with an infection, and died there last Friday. He had been in good hands; with very good care and slipped away peacefully.'

When he discovered he was ill, last year, Kenneth asked me if I would incorporate *Hide and Seek* into *Nemo's Almanac*, which I agreed to do, starting with the next issue. (You'll have noticed that he asked for answers to H&S 2021 to be sent to me.) He also sent me the names and addresses of the subscribers, which is why you are receiving this letter. It is a great shame that after 124 years *Hide & Seek* will no longer have an independent existence, but I'm glad that the name and the spirit will continue for as long as *Nemo* can keep going.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ian Patterson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Patterson